Interesting Tale Of The Other Halt's Life

because her parents had no money at Christmas time. Christmas time.
You may read of the wife who descreted her husband because she tired of the drudgery of the home of a man making less than £ a day. Another page will record the thanks of a father because he has only one child to support, while a little further along one may go figuratively to ap erphan asylum where little children wonder "why papa moved out of our house."

The Real Tragedy Of the \$2 a Day Man

Much has been written in a genera way about the under pay of Government employes. Even in the higher grades the compensation is not commensurate with the service. The real tragedy of serving one's Government, however, lies in the stories of the men and women who receive \$2 a day and

Why do they not resign and seek oth-Why do they not resign and seek other employment? the ultra-practical one probably will ask. That same question arose during the hearings. It was answered and there was shown the psychology of a situation that shapes the ambitioniess careers of thousands of Government employes today.

"We haven't the nerve to give up one job and go after another," admitted one witness.

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"Jobs are hard to get; if we lose a day's time it counts with the man who skimps to make ends meet."

"I am too old; they won't have me," wrote another, in recording that for a score of years he has worked for 32 a day—no more, no less—and is in a rut that leads inevitably to an unnoticed death "in Government harness."

"I have been expecting I would get a raise, year after year," explains another, and thereby makes known the gradual transformation of the optimist into the pessimist.

Disheartened By Experiences Of Those About Him

The truth is the average Government employe, becoming disheartened by the experience of those about him, hesitates to tackle something new, to let go the small sure thing that he has to reach out for the clusive bigger opportunity.

Many of the men and women in the Government departments today are the products of the small town, The House

products of the small town, The House committee was informed that they come to Washington with a false idea of the advantages and possibilities of the Government service. Their conception of the cost of living is built on the pattern of small fown life.

As a rule debt overtakes them sooner or later here; some marry when the salary is not large enough for two. Nearly all liack the determination to go back and explain that working for Uncle Sam isn't what it is represented to be. They live in hope that something will turn up—taut it seldom does.

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One of the witnesses before the labor subcommittee told of the chief clerk of one of the departments who testined several years ago about superannuated employes in his department.

When he was asked by a Congressional committee if there were inefficient clerks who should be discharged,

the chief clerk said:
"I had rather sever my connection with the Government than discharge any of these old employes. Never again will I do it. Once I had to discharge three old clerks. One of them committed suicide, another died of a broken heart, and the third is in the noorhouse wasting death.

Helplessness of Men Grown Old In Service

old in the service of this Government. eral Employes' Union, said:

in this city are the men who are working for small pay as ianitors, messenpers, and elevator men for the Govern-ment during the day? They are trying to pick up something on the side to make ends meet."

About the majority of banquet tables here, it might be said, sit members of Congress, Cabinet officers, and bureau chiefs whe probably do not give a thought to, the fact that the man who pours the 'chaindage or passes along the roast duck may be a \$1.50-a-day man in some executive department.

Illusive circulars issued by the C.vil Service Commission, Mr. McLarin says, play their mart in drawing to Washington men sand women who ultimately must face un awakening.

"I am fortunate in not having more children," was the unnatural statement that one fagher was forced to make before the subcommittee. He said he knew wives of Government employes in About the majority of banquet tables

fore the subcommittee. He said he knew wives of Government employes in Washington who must avoid the sacred responsibilities of motherhood because the husband does not make sufficient money to ljustify the bringing into the world of disildren who would face from the outset; a lack of opportunity.

Messenger's Story Typical of Them All

A story typical of those related during the hearings on the Nolan bill was that of Harry Goldman, an assistant messenger in the War Department. For years he has drawn \$2 a day. He is the father of the little girl who knows now that there isn't any Santa Claus.

Goldman appeared to be a clean-cut, intelligent fellow. He talked without affectation; there was the ring of sincerity in his simple statement. His was not a "grandstand effort." The pathos of his narrative caused members of the subcommittee to look rather help-

iessly at one another. A trace of moisture could be seen in the eyes of some in the committee room.

Once upon a time Goldmin was in the navy. He proudly received an honorable discharge and believed it would aid him in getting a position anywhere. At the first private estab-lishment to which he applied he was called a "navy bum," and told to move on. Yet he said he had never tasted

on. Yet he said he had never tasted intoxicants and had no mark against his navy record.

Finally he drifted into the messenger service at \$2 per day. He pays \$15 a month for a flat near Twenty-fourth and F streets. His only white neighbors, he said, are those occupying "the part of the house downstairs."

asked us to have Santa Claus bring her one. But we found out again that we couldn't, and the only thing to do was to tell her so. I was unable to get it because of the extra expense of doctor's bills.

"We simply couldn't do it. It was a case of iciling her there wasn't any such thing as Santa Claus. So we told her—we let her knew that there wasn't say Santa Claus, and now she knows."

There was an embarrassing pause and silence in the committee room. Goldman continued:

"Of course, I realize that this has nothing to do with this bill, but I just wanteu to show you how much denial there must be when a man has to live and support a family on \$60 a month."

Mr. and Mrs. Goldman have four in the family now. Another baby came a few months ago. The baby's skin, he said, had never known the touch of talcum powder.

Clothes Made Over

Clothes Made Over From Those of Mother

never had any new clothes; all her clothes have been made over from things my wife has worn. My wife don't know how she does it, but she

"Our doctor's bills have been high, but the doctors here are considerate if you pay them a dollar along. Prescriptions, though, are cash, and they cost from 65 cents up now.

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"The women are all thinking about this bill. My wife has asked me many times if it will go through.

"She woke me up the other night at midnight saying: 'Harry, I can't sleep.'

"Count sheep." I said.

"I cannot sleep for wondering whether the Nolan bill will go through, she said. I told her I hoped it would, but I couldn't tell. Then we lay there and talked about the bill and finally she went to sleep."

Goldman told the committee that not infrequently he turns off the heat in his house, even in coldest winter, to save coal bills.

"But summer will soon be here, and we won't need any heat." he said, with a smile of optimism that all had to admire.

admire.

That is just one of the many domestic tragedles that soon will be printed in a document of the Congress that appropriates for the salaries of the employes of the greatest republic on earth.

Laborer Tells Story

Of Uphill Struggle Richard Taylor, a \$2-a-day laborer in the Governument Printing Office, told a story of an uphill struggle which he said would apply to almost every laborer in that big institution.

'We sometimes are made to leave our homes simply because we cannot give our children what they ask for," "I have a wife and an aged he said. mother-I hope you will pardon me for giving way to my feelings, for I cannot help it-and I have been trying to care for my mother for twenty years,

when he was asked by a Congressional committee if there were inefficient clerks who should be discharged. The chief clerk said:

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Helplessness of Men

Grown Old In Service

And thus is conveyed to an outside world that doesn't understand the state of mind, the helplessness, of men grown old in the service of this Government.

H. M. Mc Larin, president of the Federal Employees' Union, said:

"Do you sentlemen know that some of the waiters you see at the big banquets in this city are the men who are work
"When we are paid off we simply meet the paymaster and pass the money siong to somebody else."

the paymaster and pass along to somebody else." Suspended Men Have Only One Appeal

Taylor said that suspended men have no cupeal except to the man who suspends them.

"It is like being arrested by a poceman and having him try your case,' waz the way he put it. He declared that he walked in the

old to the home of the Public Printer-after vainly trying to get to see him at the office-and was informed that in Public Printer did not attend to business at his residence, but would cok into the matter the next day. "But I never heard a word about it afterward," said Taylor. "We thank you for the glorious op-

"We thank you for the glorious op-portunity of presenting our story about under pay," continued Mr. Taylor. "If this bill does not become a law, I do not know what will be the results for us. We love our families just the same as other men. We wish to protect them the same as other men. We try to raise our children to be useful citizens, but we have not the thing to make them good citizens. good citizens.

"How do you think a \$636 a year man can get along? When we go to the can get along? When we go to the market we cannot buy 'second stuff' like we used to do. The pure food law like we used to do. The pure food law has got us now, so that a fellow classes all his stuff as first class. If we get a pound of fat-back today we pay 14 cents for it, with a quart of beams once in a while and a quart of corn meal that is like hominy and sand. But what can you do If you don't pay your rent you are set out in the street. The houses we live in are not fit to live in, but we cannot afford anything else. The man sees we are helpless and will do

man sees we are helpless and will do nothing for us." "When you once get a job here in the District you will not let it go," sugrested Congressman Van Dyke, referring to the fact that there is not a large amount of outside work here. "You had better not let it go," said Mr. Taylor. "If you do you will starve.

For Acid Stomachs Use Magnesia

month for a flat near Twenty-fourth and F streets. His only white neighbors, he said, are those occupying "the part of the house downstairs."

Near Exhaustion

From Study and Worry

Goldmap is of a nervous type. He went to bright school until study and worry brought on nervous exhaustion. Then the doctor said move to the country.

"But we can't go to the country." he said. "I can't manage it. All the time we plan for something and say we will do it next week—but the time never comes.

"I will tell you a little incident, not to influence you but just that you may know about the worries.

"We have a little zirl six years old. All along until last Christmas she believed in Santa Claus. Well, she had been worrying us a long time to set her a tricycle, and from year to year we thought we could do it, but we never could. Last year we thought we could make it when she is the world make it when she is well of artificial digestants.—Adv.

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Just let us lose five or ten days if you want to see what the perils are. Your rept comes due and you have nothing to eat I have stopped thinking about clothes—I do not know what they are except to get a few now and then at a second-hand store on D street."

Then came Frank J. Mitchell, a watchman in the State, War, and Navy Departments, who gets \$7:0 a year-with has to buy his uniforms. Ho had been in the employ of the Government twenty-five years. His wife keeps an account book. This is the way the family spent money in 1915:

Groceries, \$27 a month, per year...\$22.00

Seven-tenths of the "help" at the navy yard, he testified, are men who have served their country in the army, navy or marine corps.

Given 25 Cent Raise

Charles Williams, night irreman at the white House, started in more than ten years ago, while Theodore Hoosevelt was President, at \$1.50 a day. Within ten years ago he has received a raise of 25 cents a day. His was a matter-

octors and medicines.....

Amusements

"That figures up \$767.55," said Mr. Mitchell, and I get \$720 a year, it means that we started off behind this year, and that \$47.55 must come out of this year's salary.
"My uniform cost \$16.10, and I have just been told by the superintendent that I must get a now one. The 75 cents spent for amusements for the entire year for myself, wife, and little daughter was for moving picture shows."

40 Watchmen Employed

Mr. Mitchell said there were forty watchmen at \$720 a year employed in makes one hat out of another hat; I the State. War and Navy buildings, Cost of living prices, he said, have advanced 15 to 20 per cent during the last year.

"I don't see how I am going to make \$720 pan out," he added. The suit he wore at the hearing was frayed affair. It cost \$10 two years

"It's not the sort of clothes you'd care o wear down Pennsylvania avenue, but s all I've got," he said, apologetically Daniel Lahev, representing the navy yard helpers, presented a table of what it costs to maintain a family of six—himself, a wife, and four children. He said he lived in a house thirty-ning years old that rented for \$10 a month eight years ago and now rented for \$15. The "improvement" that brought about this increase, he explained, was an ex-posed gaspipe that runs across the

Helpers at the navy yard, he said, set from \$2.16 to \$2.40 per day, actual work-

ing time.

"There are men down there in a worse fix that I am myself." he said.
"Some of the men have families of eight or ten children. I am fortunate; I have only four."

Lahey said he was running behind because the cost of living has increased 100 per cent within recent years, while his increase of wages amounted to only 75 per cent. 7.8 per cent.
Lahey had on a suit that he said was eight years old.

on the 12 o'clock shift he cannot wheel the coal because it makes too much

the coal because it makes too much noise.

"On the 4 o'clock shift a man has got to get in all the wood and coal into the kitchen for the use of the family that night, and even the fireplace work. All they pay is \$1.75 a day.

"I have no Sundays off. I have no holidays off. During the summer months I have to work eight straight hours through, and if I lose an hour or two, or a day, I am docked for it. Really, I work about six days' overtime for the Government and do not get a cent. I work seven days a week and frequently overtime—and I get nothing for the overtime.

"Sometimes I can pick up some jobs on the outside—such as pipe covering.
"My wife kept a boarding house and broke her health and now is losing her eyesight, and that is a great deal of expense. I have buried two children.

"I am under the department of public buildings and grounds. I have asked them for a raise, but I am told that they had no money. That is all the excuse I get. I have to have some technical knowledge to look after those White House boilers. There are two steam boilers and three not water boilers."

More Than 12,000 Here Receive Less Than \$3

More than 12,000 Government em ployes in the District of Columbia are receiving less than \$3 a day, according to figures filed with the House subcommittee by H. M. McLarin, president of the Federal Employees Union, No. 15,007. The Nolan bill, he said, would advantageously affect 42 per cent of employes within the District, and 62.7 per cent of those employed outside the Dis-

trict.

"Erpecial attention is invited to the fact." said Mr. McLarin, "that an extremely large proportion of employes receiving even less than \$720 per annum are of the District of Columbia, where the cost of living is notoriously high. The benefit of the bill would apply to about 12,000, or nearly one-half of the employes in this city who receive less than the \$1,000 per year proposed in the bill. The increase within the District would aggregate about \$3.812,000, while

the hundred-odd thousand employes outside the the District would receive annual increases aggregating about harder.

They come to regard themselves of the parents becomes even fices he has made, which he enumerated as follows:

A great many young men and women come to the Government service because of the Illusive circulars issued by the Civil Service Commission describing the short hours, the liberal pay to start with, the privileges of leave, both sick and annuel, and that most people outside of Washington are cognizant of the great educational advantages of this city and have very splendid ideas of the Capital city of the United States

ted States

When a youngster accepts a position here, he feels like he is on his way to certain glory. This feeling lasts until he is received by the chief clerk of some office, put in the hands of some messenger or other clerk and delivered to his desk. He is given his desk and plenty of work to do, and then forgotten by the United States and all its of of work to do, and then forgotten by the United States and all its of-ficials, save on each pay day. All incentive to improve his position is ground out by the constant stream of routine work which goes through his hands. Unless he is unusually fortunate and exceptionally bright, smart and full of nerve, he is like-by to remain at the dock to which ly to remain at the desk to which he is first assigned for the re-mainder of his life.

Salary Won't Permit

Them To Live Well In a graphic way Mr. McLarin then describes the disheartening struggle of the new clerk to better himself. Many the new clerk to better himself. Many of them; he says, attend night schools but the theoretical knowledge gained is of little benefit in the daily routine. Finally, he says, the young clerk will meet some girl and they embark upon the trial of matrimony irrespective of the fact that his salary is small and his opportunities for advancement. "The salary will not permit them to live and enjoy life as they did below the wedding, when the girl's parents paid for her clothes and food. So they sit around home and go to the movies occasionally. Children come and add additional expenses of all sorts.

outside the the District would receive annual increases aggregating about 21,000,000." and 10 years at team of the parents becomes even the construction of one battleship, and suggested that the District for four years at team on the construction of one battleship, and suggested that the Government might turn a bit of its attention to "Industrial proparedness."

Mr. McLarin's flures showed:

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Receives Only \$55 After Eighteen Years

Mr. Mohl said he received only \$5 a nonth, although he had been at the nuseum for eighteen years and had constantly sought promotion through hard work and appeal. A daughter, he said. had been forced to go to work in a department store in order to help he family along.
"I am not much fth for anything ex-

cept a watchman," said Joseph Cing, of the Interior Department, who rets \$730 a year.
"The Public Frinter said he couldn't have men in the service who didn't pay their bills. You are supposed to pay even if you don't have the money to

"There is no incentive for a man living like me to bring children into the world. We have a boy, and my wife and I love children, but she says it will be a blessing if we do not have more. At the present time there is no future for my boy: I have kept him out of school purposely, because it requires clothes and things like that, and I have put it off for a year or two. He is six now. We know married couples that will not have children. They cannot afford to when the man makes only a day.

"There are many men in the Government service who would like to come here, but they find it humiliating. It is humiliating to me. It isn't pleasant for a man to come here and say he is working for so little little that he has to accept charity and to show the clothes he has received through There is no incentive for a man liv-

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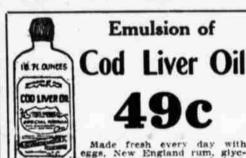
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